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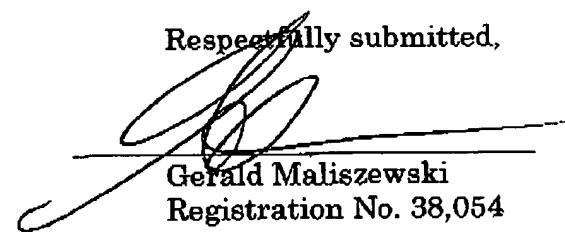
REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 7, 2006. The Notice indicated that claim 1 was incorrectly amended. This paper assumes that the previously submitted claim amendments have not been entered. Therefore, claims 1-20 were pending prior to this response. After amending claims 1 and 15, canceling claim 14, and adding claim 21, claims 1-13 and 15-21 remain pending.

This paper assumes that the previously submitted affidavits and replacement drawings have been received, along with the Applicant's response to the rejection of the claims made in the Office Action of March 23, 2006. Therefore, in the interest of brevity, the previously submitted arguments, affidavits, and replacement drawings are not attached with this paper.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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